



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Carolina Elementary
Darlington
Grades: 1-5 Enrollment: 244
Principal: Donna R. Barrett
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight
Board Chair: Connell Delaine

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

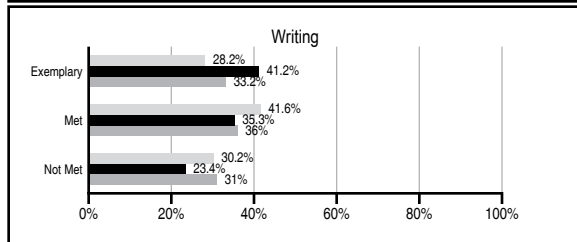
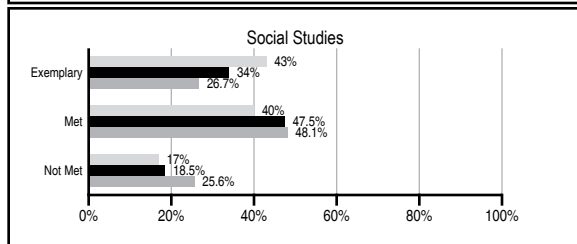
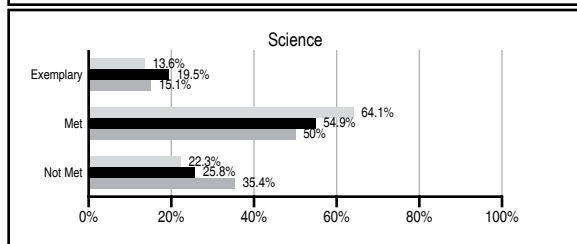
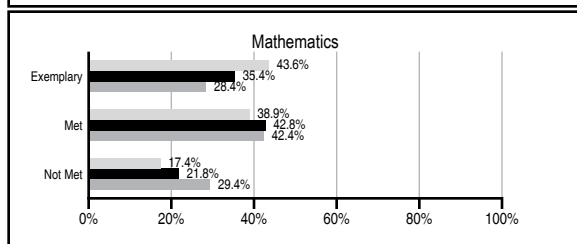
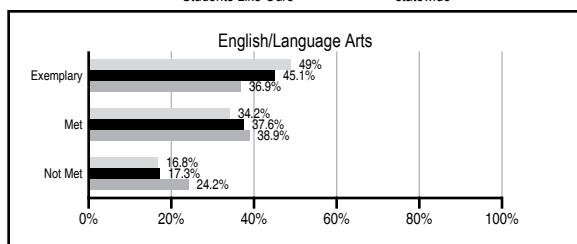
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
18	34	37	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)				
South Carolina	41	33	20	5
Nation	34	34	24	7
		% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced		
		■ Below Basic □ Basic ■ Proficient ■ Advanced		

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)				
South Carolina	20	44	31	5
Nation	19	43	33	5
		% Below Basic	% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced	
		<div><div></div>Below Basic</div>	<div><div></div>Basic</div>	<div><div></div>Proficient</div>
			<div><div></div>Advanced</div>	

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)				
South Carolina	36	39	23	2
Nation	34	39	25	2
		% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced		
		■ Below Basic □ Basic ■ Proficient ■ Advanced		

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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Carolina Elementary [Darlington]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=244)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Up from 1.6%	1.6%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.9%	Down from 97.1%	96.4%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.7%	Down from 21.8%	15.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	14.1%	Up from 11.3%	7.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.6%	Up from 68.8%	61.3%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	70.6%	Down from 87.5%	84.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	75.6%	Up from 74.0%	88.7%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	97.1%	Down from 99.2%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,458	Up 1.0%	\$48,386	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	25.0 days	Up from 23.1 days	11.3 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Down from 23.4 to 1	19.3 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8%	Down from 93.7%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,191	Up 9.6%	\$6,985	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.5%	Up from 58.9%	68.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.5%	Down from 57.9%	61.0%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	20	45	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	93.2%	90.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.3%	93.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	95.5%	77.4%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

We are delighted to announce that Carolina Elementary met all the student achievement goals based on 2008 Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) results. We also met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) by achieving 17 out of 17 criteria. The data is posted on the district website (darlington.k12.sc.us) or the state website (scde.com).

Carolina was one of three South Carolina schools nominated for the National Blue Ribbon School Award. We also received the Darlington County District 5 Star Award for a friendly and welcoming school environment. One of our fifth grade students won the Darlington County District Art in Business Award for the students in grades 3-5. Angela Weathers, our new first grade teacher, was named as a district finalist for Outstanding First Year Teacher. In May, we received the Red Carpet Award from the South Carolina Department of Education for the second time in five years.

November was an exciting month with the book fair and readers from the community in celebrating of American Education Week with us. In February, we had our first Science Showcase. Each class prepared science activities for parents to visit. Some of the events included mixtures and solutions, magnets, and motion. Parents and friends toured the school and students explained the activities. The fourth grade and first grade presented musicals this year. In April, we had our Field Day at Byerly Park in Hartsville. We all walked to the park, participated in the Field Day Activities, and walked back to a delicious hot dog lunch in our cafeteria. Everyone had a grand time.

As part of National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS), we provided "Drive-through Breakfast" to our parents twice during the year. We also hosted three Principal's Chats to share school topics and concerns. Parents set up the publishing center in our Parent Resource Room for our students' writing projects. Our media center hosted Dr. Sara Odom as visiting author of Gram's Switch. Dr. Odom was a teacher at Carolina and is now a published author, as well as a professor at Coker College.

Carolina is part of the Darlington County Technology Plan. This year we received three more Promethean Boards for our classrooms. These boards provide opportunities for interactive instruction for students and teachers. All regular classrooms are now equipped with a Promethean Board. Teachers have been trained and are actively using the new technology. Web pages, for each classroom, are available for the public to view.

The PTO is working on a fitness trail for our playground area. We plan to publish a cookbook in the fall to help fund this project.

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Chairperson

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